

Mr. Philip Young,
Chairman
United States Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Young:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 1 March 1955 requesting my views as to whether the Central Intelligence Agency, in view of its special legislation, falls under the provisions of Section 14 of Executive Order No. 10450 for the purpose of review or inspection of its program by the Civil Service Commission.

You will recall that on 29 May 1953 I wrote to you about the special considerations applying to this Agency's program under Executive Order No. 10450. Specifically, I referred to my letter to the Bureau of the Budget of 16 March 1953, which letter stated that "the furnishing of a complete roster of the names of CIA employees, which, in effect, would be required by compliance with paragraph 9, would be inconsistent with CIA security requirements and with the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949."

I am forwarding herewith a copy of our current regulation which was prepared in implementation of Executive Order No. 10450 and based on the sample regulation prepared by the Attorney General. A number of cases have been processed under this regulation. I am anxious to cooperate with the Commission in this matter, but it is my view that my responsibilities under the National Security Act of 1947 for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure would restrict review or inspection of our program by the Civil Service Commission. I would be pleased to have my Director of Security, Colonel Sheffield Edwards, [redacted] meet with your representative to determine the manner in which our respective responsibilities may best be met in accordance with law and Executive Order No. 10450.

Sincerely yours,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Attached is a reply to a letter addressed to you by the Chairman, Civil Service Commission, who asked if CIA might properly be considered to be required to comply with Section 14 of Executive Order No. 10450 which requires continuing study by the Commission of the security programs of Government agencies and departments.

This reply advises Mr. Young that it is your view that your responsibilities under the National Security Act of 1947 for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure would restrict review or inspection of our program by the Commission and suggests that Colonel Edwards and a representative of the Commission meet to

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determine the manner in which our respective responsibilities may best be met in accordance with both the law and the Executive Order. The Director of Security and the General Counsel concur. (This has been rewritten in accordance with your earlier suggestion.)

[Redacted]
L. K. WHITE
Deputy Director
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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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March 4, 1955

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Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Section 14 of Executive Order No. 10450 requires the Commission to make a continuing study of the manner in which the Executive Order is being implemented by the departments and agencies of the government for the purpose of determining:

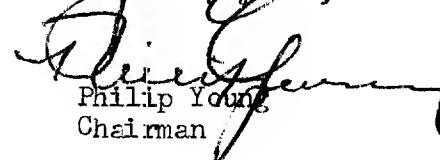
"(1) Deficiencies in the department and agency security programs established under this order which are inconsistent with the interests of, or directly or indirectly weaken, the national security.

"(2) Tendencies in such programs to deny to individual employees fair, impartial, and equitable treatment at the hands of the Government, or rights under the Constitution and laws of the United States or this order."

The Commission is required to report at least semi-annually to the National Security Council on the results of the study and to recommend means to correct any such deficiencies or tendencies.

The question arises whether, in view of the special legislation pertaining to the Central Intelligence Agency, your Agency falls under the provisions of Section 14 of the Order for the purpose of the Commission's review or inspection of your program. Will you please give me your view on this matter?

Sincerely yours,


Philip Young
Chairman

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DULLES

A copy of this letter has been sent to
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